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I GAVE FONMIN SCHACHT AFTERNOON OF DEC 20 TEXT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S LETTER AGREEING TO THE INITIATION OF A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENTS. ALTHOUGH HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO CHECK WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ, AT THE MOMENT HE SAW NO PARTICULAR DIFFICULTY IN A MEETING BETWEEN HIMSELF AND THE SECRETARY IN WASHINGTON IN THE WEEK COMMENCING JANUARY 17. HE ASKED HOW MANY PEOPLE WE CONTEMPLATED SENDING TO CARACAS TO WORK OUT THE HEADINGS OF AN AGENDA; AND I REPLIED THAT ALTHOUGH I WAS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS, I HOPED THAT THE INITIAL PARTY WOULD BE LIMITED IN NUMBER--PERHAPS ONE OR TWO PEOPLE. TO THIS SCHACHT AGREED. HE SAID HE WOULD TELEPHONE ME AFTER CHRISTMAS AS TO HIS GOVERNMENT'S OFFICIAL REACTION RE NUMBER OF PEOPLE, PLACES AND DATES. IN PRINCIPLE IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT HE IS AGREEABLE TO COMING TO WASHINGTON HIMSELF FOR TALKS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS, FOR WHOM HE EXPRESSED GREAT ADMIRATION.

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